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# A Possible Pattern For Meeting Minnesota's Library Needs

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I am far from being an authority on the subject assigned me, but such outstanding authorities as Carlton Joeckel, Amy Winslow, Carla Zimmerman, and others have provided me with some ideas on this subject.

Is there one of you here this afternoon — and I am speaking particularly to the librarians of small libraries, since you seem to be in the majority in Minnesota — who doesn't recall the pangs of regret you felt when you had to tell your patron, "Sorry, I can't help you," or "Our reference is not up-to-date"? Didn't you wish that there were some way of anticipating unusual requests or, better yet, that there were some "magic formula" that would be a ready answer to your needs?

If we are sincere in our attempts to serve our public, we must supply the needs of our readers — if not all of the time, at least a close ninety-nine per cent of the time. If, at the local level, we have found that we are not able to have sufficient materials to bring the service required to the individuals requesting help, we had better be casting about for a solution. Then, too, if we librarians are to assume our share of the responsibility of relieving the situations described by the first panel speaker\*\* and of bringing library services to the many who are now outside the sphere of such opportunities, our hope for the future seems to lie in our desire and ability to cooperate in developing a better plan for service.

Library authorities have suggested a plan of organization which has as its chief characteristic a much larger unit of administration than those with which we are familiar. When I say "larger," just what do I mean? Larger is only a relative term. The 1947 *Post War Standards for Public Libraries* states that the minimum requirements for an effective library unit are an area having (1) a population of not less than 25,000 and (2) an annual income of not less than \$37,500 (\$1.50 per capita). Later standards mention such figures as \$60,000 and still

later \$100,000 as minimum budgets needed for efficient operation. With inflation on the way, we cannot predict how high the figures may go; but the area must be large enough to provide an income sufficient for the achievement of minimum standards or better.

We immediately realize that no uniform size can be recommended. Different sections of the country vary greatly as to population density, topography, natural resources, and economic status, all of which are factors that would affect the size of the unit. The highways and roads, the direction in which people travel to do their trading, banking, and visiting influence the boundaries of a unit. We cannot work out a formula by saying "so many people," or "so many square miles." It may mean using one large county or two counties, or even including part of a county in one region and the rest in another.

If our units of service are to be so very large, my small library or yours is not going to be the only library within the limits of one organized unit. Maybe this would be a good time for us to try to visualize how our libraries would fit into this new picture. The methods by which these units may be organized vary with local conditions. There are many possible ways of combining and of cooperating that have been used in other parts of the country, and no doubt many more will be worked out in the future, as the particular needs of each area are studied.

The elements of any single unit will be obvious to many of you, but for our purposes today permit me to outline them briefly.

Whatever the method used to bring about larger service units, the elements within this framework would be similar wherever found. These would consist of a central headquarters, branches in the outlying larger communities, perhaps stations in smaller communities, and bookmobile serv-

\*Talk given at Minnesota Library Association meeting, Oct. 4, 1951.

\*\*David R. Watkins.

ice in very small communities and rural and sparsely settled areas.

A central library would serve as headquarters for the entire unit. This would be the place from which all administration would stem. Here a large book collection would be housed, a reference collection, films and records, a wealth of resources and materials needed to provide adequate library service at all points in the unit. The central library would be comparable to a library in a large city, with all the services it provides. In fact, this would be your "magic formula" to help you in answering requests for materials and books not normally found in a small library. The greatest advantage of a large unit lies in the possibility of sharing book resources and materials.

At the central library or headquarters there would also be a well-qualified staff composed of fully trained personnel to care for all special services. Book selection would be done by a specialist with the aid of the book selection tools which only larger libraries can afford. An adult education director (or whatever title might be used) would help to stimulate interest in books and library materials throughout the entire unit — a program which most librarians of small libraries find it impossible to carry out. He would prepare special booklists and displays, conduct discussion groups, plan programs and a wide variety of activities to make library materials useful in the lives of our citizens. A children's specialist would be available to promote work with young people, giving guidance in the choice and use of materials and assisting with special summer reading projects, and Book Week celebrations. A publicity expert — and who couldn't make good use of one today — would be able to give help at all the service outlets, the branches and stations, and wherever there was opportunity to use posters, displays, or exhibits. He would help publicize activities and services for all the agencies within the unit. Difficult repair work could be done by trained people at headquarters. In fact, all the technical processes would be done here, including the ordering, cataloging and processing of books.

Training programs for new and untrained personnel in the branches and stations would be conducted here by supervisors, and workers at branches would always be in a position to ask for help and direction from head-

quarters. Meetings for reviewing books and discussing policies and routines would also be held. The staff at headquarters would plan for adjustments in present set-ups and for extension of service to outlying areas, aiming at all times to distribute library services fairly over the whole unit.

The branches would be the libraries out in the larger communities with permanent collections of books. The branches might be located in permanent quarters — a library building — or in rented quarters, but it would always be near a place of business, a store, a bank, or a school. If the area had independent small libraries within the unit, all of these could be branches of the same system, and the benefits they would receive would be many and varied. For instance, they would receive quick-request service from headquarters for special titles and reference questions which they could not answer from the resources of their own libraries. Regular shipments of new books would be received. Active book collections could be more easily maintained by a method of exchange within the area. Branches would not need to keep back files of magazines, as these would be available from headquarters.

The size and needs of the immediate community would determine the size and resources of the branch. Your local library, if it became part of a larger unit, would function much as it always has, but in a more efficient manner. You would have all these special services and resources. In very large units or regions, regional branches might be needed to supervise community branches.

Besides the branches, stations and bookmobile service would be used. The stations, with smaller collections that would be frequently changed, might be located in a store or a gas station.

In order to bring books close to the people, continuous study of ways to reach them and to serve them would be necessary. Bookmobile service could be used in thinly populated areas and in smaller communities to serve as an introduction to library materials in areas where library service and its values were unknown. It could be used also to sound out the interest of the people in the community if there was any question about how to serve them. Bookmobile service could supplement the services of a larger



unit. It is an attractive service, simple to operate and efficient in that it brings a trained librarian into close contact with the people. The informality of this type of service brings in many readers who would ordinarily refrain from going to a more conventional library. The bookmobile reaches many isolated people who do have the time and the desire to read. These people are usually very appreciative of bookmobile service.

In Clay County, after only two years of bookmobile service, we often hear the remark, "I can't imagine what I did before the bookmobile came. Now I can't get along without it." Rural school pupils and teachers never tire of telling us how much help and pleasure they get from this service. The arrival of the bookmobile is an event in the lives of many rural people. In a letter from a rural school we found this interesting remark, "To think that this (meaning the bookmobile's coming) could happen to me."

Some might consider the bookmobile service a luxury, but it is actually an economical service, since one small collection serves several communities, and one staff member (who is a trained librarian and more competent to give reader advice than any station attendant could be) serves all patrons in each community. Most of you know how routes are scheduled, stops being made at schools, villages, homes, and meeting places once every two or three weeks. By planning carefully, almost every type of reader can be served through bookmobile service, with supplementary mail service for urgent requests. The research worker and the reader whose aim is to read every new book off the press before his neighbor does are going to be disappointed, of course. And it is true that the collection would necessarily be small, but an active collection of 2000 titles, both popular and serious, can satisfy a surprisingly large number of people. Careful selection and changing of the book collection and the removal of less-used titles, to be stored at headquarters until needed, insures an adequate number of books, even though no bookmobile can carry all the titles every librarian would like to take along on her trip. Bookmobile service has repeatedly proved to be an efficient method of making the library more readily accessible to more people.

In this brief generalization, I have tried to give you a picture of the elements of a possible pattern that future library organization may assume. The adoption of larger units would reduce the number of single administrative units, but it would increase the number of places at which service is provided. I firmly believe that the large library unit would provide better service and come closer to the individual than is possible in our present set-up of small units. Library service would be given in many types of agencies and in an increasing number of places, but each would be as strong as the resources of the whole unit because of the materials available for each place.

I would like to mention briefly my own experience in my community and to tell you how we enlarged our service unit when, some two and one-half years ago, Clay County contracted with the City of Moorhead for library service. This is an example, on a very small scale, of a library unit which doubled the population served — now over 32,000. The budget, too, was approximately doubled. We function as one unit and try to integrate our resources and services. We do speak of the Clay County Library and the City Library, but we do not operate as two parallel or distinct units. We try to incorporate every possible economy in operation in order to make the funds go farther in actual service to the people. The county service is given through the use of a bookmobile and two stations. We were able to begin giving service to the county in a comparatively short time because we had an established library with an existing collection of books for reference and request service. Then, too, we used the staff and the facilities of the city library to begin operations. Less time and money were required to build up a minimum collection for bookmobile use than would have been needed to build up adequate basic material if the city collection had not been available. We use one catalog and avoid duplication wherever possible; we use the same reference and ordering tools, and the same staff works at processing books and at whatever else needs to be done for either the city or the county. There is only one administrative head, the city librarian. The county service librarian works directly with the people in the rural areas.

There is still so very much to be desired by way of reaching the people, but we hope we are going in the right direction. We are already aware of benefits to both contracting parties even though we have been operating for only a couple of years. We have a joint, and therefore larger, book collection to draw from. Because we operate as one unit, our book-buying discounts are larger. Often one copy of a title serves our entire unit, so we have more titles. We have been able to start building a film strip collection.

We have added two professionally trained workers to the staff, one of whom is the county service librarian.

Much of our success so far has been due to the fine spirit of cooperation existing between the contracting parties. What has been done in Clay County can be repeated in other parts of Minnesota, except that each area or region would have to be studied for its particular needs. Whatever methods are used to form the larger units, the main objective should be to reach the individual wherever he lives within the region.

### *Library Workshops*

Librarians of small public libraries welcomed the four Workshops held last June so whole-heartedly that the Library Division will sponsor another series in June, 1952.

Invitations have been received from the boards and librarians of four central Minnesota towns, while a fifth is tentative at this time. The list of hosts for the Workshops includes:

June 10	Madison.....	Mrs. C. W. Kells, Librarian
June 12	Waseca.....	Willard J. Donohue, Librarian
June 17	Staples.....	Elsie Ahlbrecht, Acting Librarian
June 19	Howard Lake.....	Mrs. Marge Rausch, Librarian

Most librarians, board members, and committee representatives attending last year's one-day work meetings agreed that they obtained just what they had wanted — practical discussions of the problems of libraries serving the smaller Minnesota communities.

This year Association libraries are especially urged to plan now to send several of their club members to the Workshops. Librarians, trustees, friends of the libraries, members of book committees are all welcome. No librarian in the area will want to miss the friendly get-together with her neighbors.

Everyone is urged to write to Emily Mayne, Supervisor of the Extension Library, listing questions to be answered, topics to be discussed, problems to be solved. Fellow librarians in the area will share their experience and practices at the conferences.

There will be exhibits of materials, records and forms, reference books and booklists.

Early in May the Library Division will mail each library information concerning the time of the morning and afternoon sessions and the place in each town.

# A Report on Reports

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Do you ever wonder what happens when your annual library statistical report blank reaches the Library Division of the State Department of Education? If any of you have thought that it is simply filed after a cursory examination, such an idea is far removed from the truth. Your report — and, incidentally, the Library Division is required by law to collect reports from four different types of libraries (public, county, association and school) — goes through a regular series of inspection steps.

After being stamped with the date of its arrival, a work sheet form is attached. This sheet contains all of the items which will be extracted from your form for purposes of tabulation and publication in an issue of the Division's quarterly, *Minnesota Libraries*. The purpose of this tabulation will be to enable you to compare your library's figures with other libraries in the same population group and, in most cases, with American Library Association standards for performance. It is true that the Association has not as yet established standards for county library service, but it has had them for public libraries for some time.

Figures are then entered in pencil on the work sheet. In addition, certain percentages and per capita figures are computed. These figures are carefully checked, using calculating machines. And it is at this stage that trouble may develop. Most librarians are extremely conscientious about filling in the information requested on the report blank but sometimes certain errors creep in. Since the Director of the Division inspects each item on the work sheet, these omissions or discrepancies come to his attention.

The Library Division is anxious to present a correct picture of the local library's performance, so it is necessary for the Director to write the local librarian for additional information. This is a costly, time-consuming operation, but that is not the main difficulty. Too often a report comes in at an extremely late date so that the printer's deadline is too near to permit detailed correspondence. Incidentally, tardy libraries are informed well in advance as to that deadline. Long distance telephone calls are grow-

ing more costly all of the time so that most local librarians would not relish the expense of this type of contact for information. So the Library Division staff is torn between the alternatives of omitting an item from the table or of publishing an erroneous one.

Perhaps you would like to know what items in the report cause the greatest difficulty in tabulation. It is true that at one time or another almost every item presents some difficulty, but the following are the more common problems:

1. *Registered resident borrowers.* Every once in a while a library report will list a total of registered resident borrowers in excess of the total population of the community. It seems quite puzzling when a town with an official population of, say, 1000 has a figure for registered resident borrowers of 1500, or 150%. Of course, the explanation is that the library system is neglecting one of its essential business routines, i.e., the periodic re-registration of its borrowers. All it has to indicate the sum total of its customers is an out-dated file which includes names of a great many persons who have moved from the community or into the cemetery. An accurate registration figure is a valuable item by which one may examine the efficiency of a given library service. It is time that more and more libraries realize the need for up-to-date information here so that they can correct this situation.

Another difficulty that is experienced is that the number of borrowers entered at the start of the fiscal year covered in the blank is not the same as that reported at the close of the previous fiscal year. This same type of error is discussed at length a little later in this article under the heading "Volumes in library."

2. *Volumes in library.* Several errors may occur when this information is reported. The first line under "Book Stock" is "Number of volumes at beginning of year." Unless the fiscal year of a library has changed between reports, the information here should be the same as that in the previous year's report on the line which reads "Total Number of Volumes at End of Year." This is a

basic point required for continuity of reporting, yet forms have come in with discrepancies of as high as 5000 volumes for a medium-sized library. If the report is to be followed, it would indicate that a large number of books vanished into thin air between the closing day of one year and the beginning day of the next year.

Then, too, occasionally a librarian will add the number of volumes withdrawn during a year instead of subtracting them. In this case, the Division writes for a verification of a corrected compilation of the matter. The objective is to publish the correct figures of the local librarian—not unverified computations by the Library Division.

3. *Millage.* The financial base of support for a library is a pretty good indication of the way its community feels toward it. Since the laws of Minnesota prescribe certain ceilings for support and since these ceilings are indicated in terms of millage (five mills for most public libraries; two mills for all county libraries), it is important that the local librarian or village clerk include this information in the appropriate place in the report blank. It is true that some municipal councils simply levy in terms of a lump sum, so that a village rate for the library cannot be recorded. But there are some cases where the librarian could improve the reporting of this item.

4. *Receipts.* There are quite a number of items under this section of the report which cause additional requests for clarification. In the first place, it is sometimes impossible to separate the public tax receipts from such items as gifts and endowments and invested funds of a previous period. The only blanket suggestion as to this is that a detailed explanation might be enclosed so the true situation may be tabulated in terms of the *actual receipts* of the fiscal year covered. The item, "Unexpended balance

from previous year," should be identical with the figure entered under "Balance on hand at the end of fiscal year" on the previous annual report.

5. *Expenditures.* If a library is performing more than one type of library service, for example, city and county, or county and rural school, every attempt should be made to indicate the separate expenditures for each under "Salaries," "Books," "Periodicals," and the like. This same separation should take place under other sections of the report including "Circulation," "Registration of Borrowers," and "Receipts." To lump this information together works no benefit to the library when the tabulation is drawn up. The only thing that the Library Division can do is enter a footnote to indicate that these figures are not kept separately. This does not enable the library to get credit for specific service rendered in either of the fields involved.

6. *Miscellaneous.* Other items that are helpful, not for purposes of tabulation, but simply for correspondence or field contacts, are: (a) where the library is housed; (b) name of present librarian (including "Miss," "Mrs.," or occasionally "Mr."); (c) a complete list of the present library trustees; (d) a clear indication of the actual or total number of agencies in the library system reporting.

It would present a completely erroneous picture if this brief article conveyed the idea either that the librarians of the state are doing a poor job of reporting or that the staff of the Library Division is complaining about general methods of reporting. Quite the contrary! The librarians of Minnesota are pretty swell in this respect as in other phases of their work. But it suddenly occurred to the writer that some of this information might be both new and interesting to you.

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Popu- lation (1950 Census)	PLACE	LIBRARIAN	Salary	Volumes in Library	BORROWERS		Circu- lation Per Capita	Hours Per Week Open for Lending	RECEIPTS					EXPENDITURES			
					Total Including Non- Resident	Per Cent of Local Popu- lation Regis- tered			Tax Levy in Mills	Puhle Funds	Other Funds	Total Exclud- ing Balance	Tax Income Per Capita <sup>a</sup>	Books, Period- icals, Binding	Salaries Exclud- ing Janitor Expenses	Total Oper- ating Expenses	Per Capita
<b>A. L. A. Standard Over 50,000 Pop'n.</b>																	
521,718	Minneapolis.	Glenn M. Lewis	10,200	858,585	157,380	30	2,553,519	4.8	60	1,053,289	227,226	1,280,515	2.02	177,739	881,319	1,264,921	\$1.50
311,349	St. Paul.	Perrie Jones	7,848	516,513	76,568	24	1,110,250	3.5	73	440,147	134,140	583,287	1.44	43,628	304,023	453,649	1.46
104,511	Duluth.	Jane Morey	4,940	471,408	22,363	21	483,864	4.6	72	139,003	0	139,003	1.34	11,393	93,376	135,443	1.30
<b>A. L. A. Standard 10,000-50,000 Pop'n.</b>																	
13,545	Albert Lea.	Gyla Carlfield.	3,852	23,472	4,517	33	68,635	5.0	63	15,905	0	15,905	1.17	2,413	8,649	15,159	1.12
23,100	Austin.	Mabel C. Olson	3,390	32,091	10,092	43	118,533	5.1	69	25,210	353	25,563	1.09	7,117	10,950	20,531	.88
10,001	Bemidji.	Orda Nelson.			5,019	49	49,063	4.9	48	10,200	536	10,836	1.03	1,960	4,628	8,798	.81
12,637	Brainerd.	Helen Runberg.			4,703	37	31,018	2.8	45	10,245	682	10,927	.81	2,166	4,762	10,251	.81
16,028	Faribault.	Ethel M. Reinke.	3,200	33,533	5,409	41	71,315	5.5	69	21,588	984	22,572	1.67	4,825	12,258	23,167	1.79
12,917	Fergus Falls.	Elise A. Grna.	2,400	18,933	4,107	37	65,716	6.0	59½	11,080	945	12,025	1.01	2,339	6,138	11,096	1.01
16,276	Hibbing.	Ralph V. Handel.	3,180	36,882	5,736	35	114,388	7.0	69	59,832	2,035	61,867	3.65	5,482	23,593	45,307	2.78
18,869	Mankato.	Isadora Vogel.	3,720	36,882	6,388	33	122,577	6.5	69	15,745	923	18,261	1.16	3,991	8,022	17,238	.92
14,570	Monticello.	Myrtle C. Rundquist.	3,400	38,554	5,638	32	64,605	4.3	66	17,304	1,516	18,227	1.16	2,880	8,428	16,068	1.08
10,191	Owatonna.	Edna V. Graham.	3,400	23,849	5,638	57	92,668	9.3	69	20,168	1,594	21,761	2.04	4,518	11,337	20,987	.88
10,645	Red Wing.	Lacille Gottry.	3,840	23,849	3,838	34	76,955	7.4	64	4,500	5,065	44,065	1.38	10,898	25,590	48,271	1.71
29,885	St. Cloud.	Mrs. Merle Lennarson.	5,025	46,259	8,561	51	187,568	6.6	69	39,000	1,009	33,692	1.19	6,885	18,654	33,189	1.20
28,410	St. Cloud.	Mrs. Dorothy Jorstad.	2,900	44,931	3,901	29	50,375	3.1	51	14,814	1,043	15,857	.93	2,930	7,259	14,702	.92
15,900	South St. Paul.	Ethel Binney.		44,322	4,334	35	161,526	12.9	64	28,119	1,465	29,584	2.25	6,109	15,200	29,498	2.36
12,486	Virginia.																
25,051	Winona.	Anita Saxine.	4,300	33,416	6,574	26	133,126	5.3	66	36,105	1,595	37,700	1.44	6,442	16,006	29,561	1.18

<sup>1</sup>Includes state institution residents who receive state-supported service. Per capita are based only on local population.<sup>2</sup>Not computed as county expenditures are included in total.<sup>3</sup>No tax levied. Receives appropriation from general fund.<sup>4</sup>See statistics on county and/or rural school library service.<sup>5</sup>Includes county collection.<sup>6</sup>Based only on receipts from city levy or appropriation for public library.



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	<b>A. L. A. Standard</b>			<b>3 Per</b>		<b>45</b>	<b>9</b>											<b>\$1.50</b>
6,319	Alexandria.....	Fay Curner.....	2,325	10,897	2,858	32	17,312	2.7	30	12	6,304	681	6,985	1.00	1,202	2,804	7,387	1.17
7,396 <sup>4</sup>	Anoka.....	Mrs. Ruth L. Smith.....	2,390	8,398	2,033	32	24,839	3.3	38	1.69	7,333	291	7,624	1.16	1,134	3,026	7,138	1.13
6,965 <sup>5</sup>	Chisholm.....	Ann Mahan.....	4,260	44,766	2,771	40	76,135	10.8	63	2.50	36,656	509	37,165	5.26	4,621	12,673	30,738	4.39
7,685	Cloquet.....	Helen Jensen.....	3,280	25,192	2,705	35	77,635	10.1	54	3.10	14,912	960	15,872	1.94	3,241	9,237	17,108	2.23
8,175	Columbia Heights.....	Lucille R. Hawkins.....	1,952	9,302	4,693	55	21,639	2.6	32	3.12	3,977	78	4,055	.49	509	2,042	3,802	.47
7,352	Crookston.....	Mrs. Claire W. Madden.....	3,060	17,612	3,434	47	48,180	6.5	51	3.10	6,046	531	6,577	.82	2,191	5,384	9,293	1.26
5,787	Detroit Lakes.....	Mrs. Bertha Beug.....	1,800	11,697	2,072	34	16,920	2.9	30	1.50	3,359	350	3,709	.58	711	1,848	3,041	.53
5,474	Ely.....	Mrs. Ruth Nankervis.....	1,400	12,343	2,103	38	35,080	6.4	39	1.90	6,716	61	6,777	1.23	2,262	2,672	6,094	1.22
8,019	Fairmont.....	Kathleen McCormick.....	2,760	26,763	4,230	53	456,035	98.3	98	4.89	17,900	448	17,448	2.52	2,891	10,338	18,669	3.18
6,560 <sup>6</sup>	Grand Rapids.....	Mary Edwards.....	3,000	18,291	2,921	36	43,579	5.3	36	2.27	8,345	408	8,753	1.02	1,905	3,953	8,821	.98
7,595	Hopkins.....	Mrs. Wm. Mountain.....	1,920	9,490	2,424	42	17,695	12.2	39	4.80	7,728	213	8,510	1.38	4,359	7,711	15,143	1.91
6,269	International Falls.....	Jennett T. Bedure.....	3,660	14,871	2,635	42	28,007	3.0	20	1.15	6,315	0	6,315	.83	2,708	3,050	6,097	.80
6,717	Little Falls.....	Marie Knudson.....	1,320	11,374	3,500	52	42,475	7.6	55	5.00	15,922	199	16,121	2.54	3,423	13,504	20,266	3.23
5,459	Montevideo.....	Mrs. Frances Bergh.....	1,500	11,982	3,162	58	14,597	6.3	30	3.29	5,979	199	6,178	.89	1,011	2,756	5,831	.87
7,487	New Ulm.....	Erna F. Holinger.....	2,660	13,165	6,119	61	62,488	6.6	28	12	4,235	1,000	5,235	.78	1,836	4,366	10,086	.86
5,269	Pipestone.....	George Gardner.....	1,868	7,429	3,510	46	17,937	6.6	61	12	12,165	0	12,165	1.30	2,606	6,420	12,406	1.32
7,544 <sup>4</sup>	St. Peter.....	Marygay Barth.....	1,200	8,695	2,362	43	36,715	6.9	30	2.45	3,791	384	4,175	.51	741	1,552	3,255	.43
7,674	Silver Lake.....	Mrs. Marjorie M. Haesecke.....	2,820	27,856	3,242	56	14,682	2.7	30	2.70	5,195	501	5,696	.99	1,975	2,954	6,472	1.23
6,926	Thief River Falls.....	Gertrude Glennon.....	2,657	21,876	6,172	80	38,646	5.0	63	4.12	10,984	430	11,614	1.43	3,234	7,093	12,543	1.63
9,410 <sup>4</sup>	Willmar.....	Mrs. Hazel Halgrim.....	2,400	12,380	4,144	48	197,657	3.9	48	2.11	5,101	493	5,594	.74	2,528	6,871	13,162	1.60
7,923	Worthington.....	Wayne R. Bassett.....	1,920	14,567	2,962	37	40,740	6.2	60	3.10	11,130	1,520	12,650	1.40	2,640	7,405	12,697	1.60

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					Total Including Non- Resident	Per Cent of Local Popu- lation Regis- tered			Tax Levy in Mills	Public Funds	Other Funds	Total Exclud- ing Balance	Tax Income Per Capita <sup>a</sup>	Books, Period- icals, Binding	Salaries Exclud- ing Janitor	Total Oper- ating Expenses	Per Capita	
	A. L. A. Standard 2,500-5,000 Pop'n.			3 Per Capita		45	9											\$1.50
2,502	Bayport.....	Floyd E. Keller	225	3,212	353	25	1,106	7	.50	350	364	714	23	431	264	695	.45	
3,398	Benson.....	Nina Brown	2,100	9,797	1,692	38	19,107	30	2.50	3,228	110	3,338	.95	403	2,318	3,593	1.06	
3,843	Blue Earth.....	Alta Cummings	1,680	11,687	1,798	43	16,000	4.1	2.30	3,138	122	3,260	.82	1,054	1,624	3,112	.81	
3,623	Breckenridge.....	Mrs. M. W. Rothwell	675	6,129	960	26	19,875	5.4	3.41	2,517	145	2,662	.69	1,260	1,165	2,508	.69	
2,777	Crosby.....	Mrs. Eva M. Bloomfield	513	8,427	883	32	7,354	2.6	.12	1,828	25	1,853	.66	230	513	767	.28	
2,801	Glencoe.....	Mrs. Arthur Bergjord	445	6,192	942	33	8,698	3.1	.12	800	130	930	.29	653	445	1,149	.41	
2,666	Glenwood.....	Evelyn Timmons	1,080	6,089	1,455	41	18,013	6.7	19 1/2	2,400	288	2,688	.90	708	1,219	2,876	1.08	
2,511	Granite Falls.....	Mrs. B. E. Palmer	570	6,408	912	36	12,275	4.8	1.25	1,872	111	1,983	.75	519	1,219	1,795	.71	
4,660	Hutchinson.....	Mrs. Mabel C. Schulte	1,890	11,892	1,752	38	21,002	4.4	35 1/2	6,764	243	7,007	1.44	1,374	2,040	5,358	1.14	
3,313	Jackson.....	Mrs. L. L. Johnson	1,010	7,420	1,125	32	16,132	4.8	1.32	1,515	151	1,667	.46	765	1,010	2,060	.62	
3,457	Lake City.....	Ethel Dunn	2,400	9,191	2,289	65	18,478	5.3	40 1/2	3,610	444	4,055	1.04	563	2,819	4,474	1.29	
2,713	Le Sueur.....	Carmie M. Cadwell	770	3,829	475	18	10,451	3.8	1.90	2,108	213	2,322	.78	475	770	1,134	.79	
4,608	Litchfield.....	Mrs. Bess F. Harmon	2,100	10,175	2,365	49	18,450	4.0	33	2,708	567	3,275	.59	765	2,100	4,348	1.1	
3,650	Lovorne.....	Mrs. Cora M. Main	1,200	8,646	1,722	46	16,161	4.4	3.50	2,075	262	2,337	.57	496	1,227	2,679	.73	
3,811	Morris.....	Margaret E. Grove	1,780	12,050	1,841	48	19,800	5.1	1.70	2,860	84	2,944	.75	944	1,838	4,103	1.08	
4,788	North Mankato.....	Isabelle Neitge	1,533	9,593	1,545	32	17,207	2.9	2.80	2,994	186	3,180	.63	980	1,712	2,835	.59	
4,248	North St. Paul.....	Mrs. Louise M. McIntyre	1,560	9,739	2,976	70	12,660	3.6	27 1/2	2,700	75	2,775	.64	731	1,630	2,387	.56	
2,577	Ortonville.....	Mrs. Ada M. Theisen	1,600	6,636	1,028	29	16,429	6.3	2.96	3,933	357	4,290	1.33	875	1,650	3,435	1.33	
3,027	Park Rapids.....	Mrs. Ray McCollor	610	6,936	1,306	42	23,080	7.6	3.00	2,989	245	3,234	.99	756	1,152	2,822	.93	
3,813	Redwood Falls.....	Mrs. E. W. Edwards	1,900	8,692	1,500	37	14,243	6.7	31 1/2	6,460	440	6,900	1.69	1,353	2,355	7,114	1.87	
3,861	St. James.....	Mrs. George Adrian	1,738	6,229	1,638	42	25,774	6.7	4.30	6,460	440	6,900	1.69	1,353	2,355	7,114	1.87	
3,278	Sleepy Eye.....	Lewis E. Olds	3,503	16,288	1,939	62	32,165	10.2	2.00	1,889	155	2,044	.49	832	1,738	5,196	1.35	
3,410	Sauk Rapids.....	Mollie Perkowski	93,140	5,386	2,831	83	11,976	3.5	5.00	7,109	480	7,589	1.60	1,944	4,804	7,734	2.55	
3,410	Sauk Centre.....	Mrs. George Adrian	997	5,209	856	26	8,276	2.5	.12	3,588	0	1,100	.15	287	3,140	7,452	.71	
3,278	Springfield.....	Helen C. Dombrowski	374	4,222	1,243	48	6,258	2.4	3.60	750	163	913	.29	415	997	2,249	.69	
2,574	Staples.....	Carmie M. Mayer	720	6,313	530	16	13,401	4.8	1.00	1,058	95	1,153	.38	391	744	897	.35	
3,020	Tracy.....	Mrs. James Finnigan	1,200	9,857	3,316	43	29,929	6.8	1.00	2,244	64	2,308	.74	910	1,231	2,174	.43	
4,400	Two Harbors.....	Mrs. Alice W. Hamilton	1,365	210,986	1,931	43	29,929	6.8	2.99	1,966	386	2,352	.45	1,030	2,827	3,991	.72	
3,958	Wadena.....	Rose V. Wagner	102,482	8,095	689	12	20,883	5.2	2.99	3,654	110	3,764	.46	716	2,482	3,323	.84	
3,646	White Bear.....	Ada M. Palmer	1,320	5,539	689	12	11,772	3.2	2.08	2,785	203	2,987	.76	373	1,717	2,962	.81	
3,165	Windom.....	Mrs. Lucy B. Olson	575	4,185	535	17	10,885	3.4	.73	891	376	1,267	.28	377	1,575	2,981	.31	

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	A. L. A. Standard 1,000-2,500 Pop'n.			3 Per Capita		45		9											\$1.50
2,121	Ada.....	Mrs. Louise Tufte.....	318	1,095	425	16	1,945	9	8	1.00	593	5	598	28	189	318	532	25	
2,079	Aitkin.....	Mrs. Pearl G. Baker.....	720	5,106	1,260	58	4,224	2.0	24	3.00	1,508	68	1,576	73	187	720	1,342	65	
2,256	Appleton.....	Mrs. L. P. Cheney.....	360	4,451	886	39	7,714	3.4	12	5.00	932	27	959	41	495	360	910	40	
1,371	Aurora.....	Mary Turk.....	861	4,971	529	39	12,420	9.0	13	5.00	3,356	0	3,356	2.45	876	861	2,840	2.07	
1,708	Belle Plaine.....	Mrs. J. J. Rendle.....	125	2,379	272	16	3,385	1.9	6 1/2	1.00	628	24	652	37	556	125	694	41	
1,333	Bird Island.....	Mrs. D. R. Miller.....	360	3,524	268	20	5,281	3.9	36	1.30	635	31	660	48	297	360	660	50	
1,320	Bovey Valley.....	Mrs. Nels Waugensteen.....	1,595	7,824	853	50	17,135	12.9	10	5.00	4,341	121	4,462	3.29	1,463	360	660	50	
1,117	Brown Valley.....	Mrs. Alma Kaus.....	540	3,993	602	54	5,650	5.0	15	12	1,781	323	2,104	1.59	235	540	1,933	1.73	
1,914	Buffalo.....	Pearl L. Aldrich.....	540	6,272	654	34	7,727	4.0	10	12	769	45	814	40	242	540	797	42	
1,462	Buhl.....	Jerome Marturano.....	2,400	12,329	547	36	18,446	12.6	45	99	9,045	0	9,045	6.19	724	2,573	7,735	5.29	
2,243	Caledonia.....	Celia Bouquet.....	720	6,988	1,215	42	6,656	2.9	20	2.42	1,350	66	1,416	60	418	720	1,163	52	
2,173	Canby.....	Mrs. Anne Lortie.....	660	9,517	1,635	53	18,302	8.4	20	12	1,160	148	1,308	53	457	680	1,236	57	
1,605	Chatfield.....	Mrs. Alberta Wilson.....	91,545	7,153	1,291	49	8,834	5.5	38	2.30	72,488	464	2,952	1.13	186	1,578	2,690	1.68	
1,106	Clara City.....	Mrs. Henry Priebe.....	240	3,534	719	65	3,263	2.9	8	12	300	30	330	21	293	240	816	74	
1,403	Cokato.....	Elsie Ronholm.....	92,500	4,730	1,440	70	6,655	4	40	1.92	7,045	353	7,998	5.79	680	2,500	9,136	6.92	
1,321	Coleraine.....	Helen D. Weaver.....	2,920	12,279	3,422	21	6,014	3.2	17	12	1,844	324	2,168	1.01	1,538	4,680	9,136	6.92	
1,834	Dawson.....	Mrs. Loline Trotter.....	600	3,422	301	22	1,962	1.4	4	3.36	1,444	58	1,502	1.03	407	600	2,096	1.14	
1,399	Delano.....	Mrs. Winifred LeBovsky.....	720	4,373	1,198	85	2,946	2.1	15	8 1/2	1,444	58	1,502	1.03	556	720	1,352	97	
1,143	Fairfax.....	Mrs. Zella M. Page.....	346	3,787	2,600	25	3,629	1.8	28	12	500	44	500	44	133	346	496	43	
1,916	Farmington.....	Mrs. Ella Blake.....	189	1,760	958	50	7,398	6.7	16 1/2	2.90	200	28	228	10	259	189	448	23	
1,089	Foley.....	Mrs. Coral Homola.....	445	2,822	540	50	7,398	6.7	16 1/2	2.90	843	55	898	77	246	445	696	64	
1,149	Fulda.....	Mrs. Al Herbrand.....	288	3,437	365	32	3,128	2.7	13	12	650	291	941	57	217	404	880	77	
2,247	Gilbert.....	Genevieve Hyslop.....	825	7,929	776	34	24,833	11.0	3	3.00	7,000	0	7,000	3.12	1,796	3,125	7,192	3.20	
1,078	Grand Marais.....	Mrs. Eva Kieren.....	360	4,748	420	39	3,726	3.4	16	7.5	445	4,258	4,733	41	263	390	653	61	
1,552	Hallock.....	Cecilia M. Taylor.....	197	423	22	423	4,965	3.6	2	12	166	5	171	1.1	2	4	4	4	
1,353	Kasson.....	Anena C. Jensen.....	600	3,311	880	63	4,965	3.6	23 1/2	12	800	143	943	59	246	614	887	66	
1,507	Keewatin.....	Alma L. Lewis.....	94,574	12,637	608	37	19,422	10.7	38 1/2	12	77,503	73	7,576	09	1,050	6,413	77,576	74.19	
1,651	Kenyon.....	Anna Munson.....	260	2,808	408	20	2,354	1.4	8	12	459	30	489	28	207	260	473	29	
1,208	Lamberton.....	Mrs. H. N. Helgeson.....	240	2,262	1,218	34	9,248	3.7	5	1.00	538	12	550	45	204	240	449	37	
2,443	Long Prairie.....	Dora M. Fisher.....	600	3,799	844	34	9,248	3.7	42	1.10	697	80	777	29	278	600	942	39	

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A. L. A. Standard 1,000-2,500 Pop'n. —Continued—																	
2,303	Madison.....	Mrs. C. W. Kells.....	277	10,262	1,310	41	19,472	8.4	33½	2,360	705	2,851	.87	748	1,937	3,110	\$1.50
1,274	Minnesota.....	Mrs. R. Cushman.....	156	2,938	829	65	2,046	2.0	6	350	41	391	.27	115	153	274	1.35
1,913	Montgomery.....	Lena M. Lehman.....	540	1,905	419	22	4,499	2.3	18	800	52	852	.42	194	540	869	.45
1,231	Monticello.....	Mrs. M. Horne.....	.....	3,858	.....	.....	6,456	5.2	40	457	0	457	.37	550	30	580	.47
1,603 <sup>4</sup>	Moose Lake.....	Mrs. Newell Anderson.....	144	2,213	245	50	4,210	8.9	4	439	121	560	.93	32	132	318	.68
1,377	Mountain Iron.....	Mrs. George A. Kakela.....	2,100	13,548	800	46	16,776	12.1	48	1,560	65	1,625	.90	642	3,307	6,610	4.80
1,733	Mountain Lake.....	Frances Armstrong.....	900	4,651	1,097	63	10,367	5.9	19½	3,000	74	1,969	.89	208	520	1,630	.94
2,012	Newport.....	Gladya Dick.....	289	2,605	337	14	3,032	1.8	18½	1,493	250	1,290	.80	558	480	1,351	.67
1,903	Olivia.....	Mrs. L. F. Mahler.....	480	6,965	1,353	68	7,324	3.9	13	1,000	137	1,337	.80	613	360	1,343	.89
1,937	Pine City.....	Lillian A. Johnson.....	560	4,245	907	44	10,415	6.9	13	1,200	137	1,331	.66	789	625	1,759	.91
1,258	Pine Island.....	Mrs. H. Hinge.....	605	3,969	1,062	56	8,134	4.1	10½	2,374	30	2,404	1.83	575	1,225	2,404	1.85
1,524	Plainview.....	Mrs. M. Wright.....	785	5,308	884	58	3,491	2.2	10	1,600	30	1,630	.66	261	600	908	.60
1,739	Preston.....	Mrs. Blanche Hovelson.....	93,200	4,308	520	37	6,010	4.2	22	1,026	154	1,179	.73	207	785	1,118	.80
2,735	Red Lake Falls.....	Mrs. D. Jones.....	1,020	4,167	1,323	59	9,041	5.5	38½	300	0	300	.17	285	.....	285	.16
1,570	Rushford.....	Mrs. Walter Lundquist.....	Library closed	.....	.....	.....	9,896	4.4	27	1,020	379	1,399	.46	300	1,083	1,428	.94
1,548	St. Charles.....	Mrs. Roy Stearns.....	490	1,173	1,173	40	2,542	3.0	20	1,089	0	1,089	.69	170	900	1,070	.69
1,097	St. Dunstons.....	Mrs. Cora J. Carlson.....	480	4,603	1,414	55	2,542	3.0	9	1,565	0	1,565	.76	63	480	1,543	.73
1,887	Stargate.....	Mrs. Daisy B. Martin.....	800	4,184	1,012	44	13,216	7.0	27	1,519	182	1,701	.81	464	800	1,701	.90
2,467	Stargate Valley.....	Mrs. John W. Koyser.....	720	6,697	1,092	46	10,918	4.4	36	2,702	193	2,985	1.13	373	750	2,384	.97
1,193	Stewartville.....	Mrs. Bertha Rafferty.....	975	3,126	631	53	5,276	4.4	26	950	175	1,125	.80	177	975	1,181	.99
2,468	Tyler.....	Mrs. J. A. McNeil.....	260	1,471	322	29	3,753	3.3	57	22	24	46	.02	684	260	1,261	1.12
1,121	Wabasha.....	Mrs. Eugene Wells.....	600	5,512	823	33	8,121	3.2	17	2,000	80	2,080	.81	447	900	1,542	.82
1,192	Walker.....	Clara G. Pfeiffer.....	600	5,167	727	61	2,631	2.2	12	1,081	208	1,269	.89	197	720	1,264	.86
1,779	Warren.....	Mrs. Florence Stein.....	.....	1,917	532	30	2,597	1.4	40	100	103	203	.06	180	30	210	.12
1,627	Waterville.....	Barbara Jamison.....	170	5,129	418	26	2,875	1.7	12	1,515	0	1,515	.71	81	770	1,515	.71
2,127	Winnebago.....	Mary H. Farrington.....	840	4,177	2,395	87	3,819	1.7	15	1,900	156	3,039	1.00	588	1,620	2,609	1.55
1,686	Wumbrota.....	Florence Dannon.....	101,500	9,570	1,740	57	18,393	10.9	22	79,883	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	Mrs. Elsie W. Johnson.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

<sup>1</sup>See statistics on county and/or rural school library service.<sup>2</sup>Based only on receipts from city levy or appropriation for public library.<sup>3</sup>Includes state institution residents who receive state-supported service. Per capita are based only on local population.<sup>4</sup>Public library giving school service.<sup>5</sup>Includes school and municipal appropriations.<sup>6</sup>School library serving as public library.<sup>7</sup>Salary paid by school board.<sup>8</sup>Salary paid in part by school board.<sup>9</sup>No tax levied. Receives appropriation from general fund.

## PUBLIC LIBRARY STATISTICS, 1951

Popu- lation (1950 Census)	PLACE	LIBRARIAN	Salary	Volumes in Library	BORROWERS		Circu- lation Per Capita	Hours Per Week Open for Lending	RECEIPTS				EXPENDITURES					
					Total Including Non- Resident	Per Cent of Local Popu- lation Regis- tered			Tax Levy in Mills	Public Funds	Other Funds	Total Exclud- ing Balance	Tax Income Per Capita <sup>1</sup>	Books, Period- icals, Binding	Salaries Exclud- ing Janitor Expenses	Total Oper- ating Expenses	Per Capita	
	A. L. A. Standard Less Than 1,000 Population			3 Per Capita	45	9												\$1.50
929	Baudette.....	Mrs. Oswald Engh.....	200	3,071	481	52	3,791	4.0	4 1/2	240	51	291	.26	106	200	338	.36	
659	Belgrade.....	Mrs. E. P. Poverud.....	233	1,506	553	84	3,122	2.9	10	547	651	651		167	233	614	.93	
732	Blackduck.....	Mrs. Magda Bogart.....	100	2,219	644	88	3,193	4.3	4 1/2	193	55	602	.75	188	113	386	.53	
735	Browerville.....	Rose R. Bemis.....	120	2,715	219	29	4,555	6.1	0	269	0	269	.37	104	120	225	.31	
854	Calumet.....	Sophie Njegovan.....	1,020	5,130	541	63	9,254	10.8	31	1,106	566	1,672	1.29	706	1,150	1,997	2.34	
650	Carlton.....	Mrs. H. V. LeMaster.....	560	2,796	280	39	4,863	7.4	12	1,174	24	1,198	1.81	759	550	1,471	2.26	
961	Edgerton.....	Mrs. Lelia Tindall.....	219	2,044	743	48	2,420	2.5	7	674	16	690	.70	137	219	417	.43	
962	Graceville.....	Mrs. Paul Gay.....	480	5,481	748	35	5,677	9.0	7	1,348	87	1,435	1.40	396	480	1,123	1.17	
766	Grand Meadow.....	Mrs. Ada Schleiger.....	248	1,037	132	17	2,274	2.9	10	1,348	87	1,435	1.40	396	480	1,123	1.17	
762	Henderson.....	Margaret Foltz.....	.....	3,904	140	18	3,186	4.3	6	400	752	1,001	.92	164	248	719	.94	
902	Hinckley.....	Mrs. Anna E. Burk.....	740	2,452	1,159	76	14,595	16.1	26	929	35	964	1.03	230	740	986	1.09	
931	Howard Lake.....	Mrs. Edwin Rausch.....	300	3,352	416	44	5,632	6.9	8	851	0	851	.91	623	371	1,022	1.10	
828	Ironton.....	Clady Sunde.....	600	4,069	613	72	5,722	6.0	8	1,097	30	1,037	1.22	89	744	862	1.04	
336	Kinney.....	Mrs. Maime F. Maki.....	900	7,455	245	73	8,299	24.6	19	1,404	49	1,404	4.18	390	869	1,378	4.10	
863	Lake Benton.....	Mrs. Maime Dedlesen.....	300	3,941	257	30	3,798	4.3	14	400	449	440	.46	143	300	443	.51	
959	Le Roy.....	Elizabeth Ann Price.....	335	4,012	786	28	4,661	4.8	10	1,014	43	1,058	1.06	176	335	1,206	1.26	
729	Lindstrom.....	Mrs. M. D. Haferman.....	120	1,834	440	59	2,871	3.9	4	2.50	303	13	.42	52	120	187	.26	
196	McKinley.....	.....	.....	1,010	91	46	1,566	7.9	6	1,225	0	1,225	5.25	219	560	1,272	6.49	
867	Marble.....	Mrs. Earl Dickens.....	1,080	6,236	542	63	3,809	4.3	24	1,225	8	1,498	1.72	422	1,068	1,617	1.83	
507	Maynard.....	Mrs. Harry Doeken.....	156	7,067	206	41	1,913	3.7	8	200	9	209	.39	28	156	239	.47	
949	Morgan.....	Mrs. E. R. Lamp, act.....	1,387	2,887	298	31	6,374	6.7	26	687	1,267	1,985	.72	541	992	1,713	1.81	
520	Taylor Falls.....	Mrs. Frances F. Murdock.....	240	4,963	449	86	4,963	9.6	10	604	37	641	1.16	202	240	571	1.10	
693	Wabasso.....	Dorothy M. Starken.....	455	2,510	368	53	3,792	5.4	14	471	1,759	2,230	.68	76	455	1,156	1.67	
837	Watertown.....	Mrs. O. S. Pierson.....	240	1,530	.....	.....	3,388	4.0	10	311	71	382	.37	0	240	453	.54	

Based only on receipts from city levy or appropriation for public library.

No tax levied. Receipts appropriation from general fund.

Salary for part time service.

Endowment funds.



# MINNESOTA LIBRARIES

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## COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICE, 1951

COUNTY	Popu- lation Served	LIBRARY	LIBRARIAN	Book Stock	Registered County Borrowers	Circu- lation	Circu- lation Per Capita	DISTRIBU- TING POINTS		Tax Levy In Mills	RECEIPTS		EXPENDITURES			
								Branches	Stations		County Income	Tax Income per Capita	Books, Periodi- cals, Binding	Salaries or Services	Total	Expendi- tures Per Capita
Blue Earth	19,518	Blue Earth Co. Lib., Mankato	Mrs. Margaret Leonard	27,441	5,577	96,025	4.92	2	13	1.00	13,793	.71	4,005	9,955	17,334	.89
Clay	15,493	Moorhead Public Library	Marcella Kramer	6,282	2,282	35,433	2.28	0	2	1.40	14,400	.93	3,451	6,835	12,892	.83
Dakota	24,648 <sup>2</sup>	Farmington Public Library	Coral Homola					0	0		150					
Grant	9,542 <sup>2</sup>	South St. Paul Public Library	Mrs. Dorothy Jorgstad					0	0		600				755	
Hennepin	147,266	Elbow Lake Public Library	Mrs. Lloyd Haroldson	97,932		588,531	3.79	23	69	2.00	89,379	.61	18,051	48,771	101,727	.68
Isanti	12,123	Hennepin Co. Library, Mpls.	Helen A. Young	6,206		18,274	1.51	0	10	1.70	5,945	.49	2,411	3,365	6,272	.52
Itasca	21,133	Isanti Co. Library, Cambridge	James L. Larson		1,826	18,540	.88	11	14	2.00	9,978	.47				
Kanabec	9,192 <sup>2</sup>	Grand Rapids Public Library	Mrs. Mata C. Bennett	6,811	1,210	21,636	2.35	0	9	1.00	1,043	.10	600	660	1,282	.14
Kandiyohi	19,234	Kanabec Co. Lib., Willmar	Mrs. Edw. Schultz	9,583	1,676	20,128	1.04	0	12	1.00	11,495	.59	4,293	6,534	14,117	.73
Koochiching	10,641 <sup>2</sup>	Kandiyohi Co. Lib., Willmar	Marie Knudson		2,135	20,879	1.96	0	12	2.00	1,754	.16				
Lake	3,381 <sup>2</sup>	International Falls Pub. Lib.	Mrs. A. W. Hamilton		638	9,566	2.82	0	1	1.46	1,460	.43				
Lyon	17,959	Two Harbors Public Library	Mrs. M. B. Stevens	23,897	4,130	54,951	3.06	0	12	.95	13,934	.78	1,672	10,247	13,018	.73
Martin	17,462	Marshall-Lyon Co. Library	Eugene G. McLane	21,042	8,043	85,449	4.83	0	12	.95	15,035	.91	2,328	11,583	18,057	1.03
Meeker	14,512	Martin Co. Lib., Fairmont	Wayne R. Bassett		766	2,360	.16	0	0		650					
Olmsted	18,343 <sup>2</sup>	Litchfield Public Library	Mrs. Bess F. Harmon	10,292		27,650	1.89	0	15	1.00	13,862	.96	4,104	7,729	15,752	1.08
Ramsey	36,089	Nobles Co. Lib., Worthington	Lucille Gottry		1,863	17,992	.45	0	0		3,000	.16	3,000		3,000	.16
St. Louis	45,732	Thief River Falls Pub. Lib.	Mrs. Hazel Halgrim					0	0		1,000					
"	"	Ramsey County Lib., St. Paul	Mrs. Ruth Palmer	11,438	4,898	16,177	.45	0	4	1.08	17,692	.49	2,242	14,183	18,770	.52
"	"	Duluth Public Library	Mrs. Lauretta F. Orren	11,044	2,249	56,664		2	33	.5	5,640		1,913	2,992	5,362	
"	"	Ely Public Library	Mrs. Ruth Nankervis		827	19,973		0	9	.5	4,740		883	4,283	5,092	
"	"	Hibbing Public Library	Mary Ann Staudohar		2,864	55,394		0	24	.5	5,340		1,165	3,564	5,010	
"	"	Virginia Public Library	Ethel Binney		1,725			0	25	.5	4,770		1,812	2,300	4,770	
Stearns	43,257	Stearns Co. Lib., St. Cloud	Mary Baker	16,002	3,500	24,744	.57	0	20	1.00	15,378	.36	3,158	7,963	14,436	.33
Steele	10,964 <sup>2</sup>	Owatonna Public Library	Audene Graham		1,491	8,509	.78	0	0	.5	3,355					
Waseca	14,957	Waseca Co. Lib., Waseca	Willard J. Donohue	24,516	2,592	62,510	4.11	2	6	.7	18,937	.27	5,767	8,287	20,336	1.36
Washington	22,696	Stillwater Public Library	Gertrude Glennon	2,890	1,359	13,808	.61	7	4	.5	5,000	.23	488	1,884	5,000	.23
"	"	Newport	Frances Armstrong					0	0		100					
Watsonwan <sup>1</sup>	10,020	Forest Lake	Mrs. Elsie Brockmeyer	12,764	2,913	28,179	2.81	1	8	1.00	7,939	.79	1,382	4,399	6,600	.67
Totals	564,559 457,451 <sup>3</sup>	Watsonwan Co. Lib., St. James		288,110	57,708	1,273,382					287,219		63,395		289,582	

<sup>1</sup>No tax levied. Receives appropriation from county treasury.  
<sup>2</sup>Receives .89 mill from county, 1.23 mills from city of Marshall.  
<sup>3</sup>Receives 1.50 mills from county, 3.40 mills from city of Waseca.

<sup>1</sup>Has County Library Board.  
<sup>2</sup>Does not meet A. L. A. Standards for Listing: \$5,000 or \$1.10 per capita whichever is larger.  
<sup>3</sup>Includes only counties meeting A. L. A. Standards for Listing.  
<sup>4</sup>Public and county library statistics not kept separately.

## ASSOCIATION LIBRARY STATISTICS, 1951

PLACE	Population	Book Stock	Circulation	RECEIPTS		EXPENDITURES	
				Village	Other	Total	Per Capita
Annandale.....	899	2,000	.....	75	28	221	.25
Bagley.....	1,554	No report received.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Buffalo Lake.....	724 <sup>1</sup>	715	350	.....	47	23	.03
Cannon Falls.....	1,831 <sup>1</sup>	1,062	700	.....	228	132	.07
Canton.....	459	488	1,112	.....	124	154	.33
Cass Lake.....	1,936 <sup>1</sup>	2,337	1,259	.....	53	72	.04
Chaska.....	2,008	4,100	3,950	360	48	406	.20
Claremont.....	426	No report received.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cook.....	482	1,223	4,112	290	174	452	.94
Deerwood.....	572	3,000	450	98	17	97	.17
Dennison.....	163	625	.....	.....	42	40	.24
Dodge Center.....	1,151	4,200	3,480	.....	134	158	.14
Elbow Lake.....	1,398	5,244	8,145	240	452	552	.42
Fosston.....	1,614 <sup>1</sup>	1,315	1,041	149	72	106	.07
Franklin.....	546 <sup>1</sup>	600	125	.....	.....	20	.04
Hancock.....	852	1,150	1,828	200	5	157	.18
Harmony.....	1,022	1,800	1,707	50	272	325	.32
Hayfield.....	805	.....	481	.....	2	.....	.....
Hector.....	1,196	5,278	15,261	900	78	969	.81
Hendricks.....	781	1,011	735	.....	100	112	.14
Jasper.....	840	629	.....	.....	205	181	.22
Lanesboro.....	1,100	3,936	3,148	300	395	478	.43
Le Center.....	1,314	3,011	5,245	413	72	478	.36
Mabel.....	788	No report received.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
McIntosh.....	881	1,028	1,799	.....	220	220	.25
Mahnomen.....	1,464	No report received.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Milaca.....	1,917 <sup>1</sup>	.....	1,560	.....	108	110	.06
Nerstrand.....	228	3,000	1,402	.....	151	131	.57
New York Mills.....	977 <sup>1</sup>	.....	675	.....	52	46	.05
Pelican Rapids.....	1,676 <sup>1</sup>	.....	49	.....	83	56	.03
Perham.....	1,926	4,227	4,500	300	15	219	.11
Peterson.....	318	No report received.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rose Creek.....	314	No report received.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Royalton.....	500	No report received.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rush City.....	1,175	2,000	700	100	.....	188	.16
Shafer.....	127	1,091	436	.....	60	60	.47
Waconia.....	1,569	1,885	4,442	240	13	181	.12
West Concord.....	770	No report received.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Westbrook.....	1,017	1,796	818	100	.....	153	.15
Williams.....	414	400	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Grand Totals.....	39,734	59,151	69,510	3,815	3,250	6,497	.....
Population Served.....	28,514	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

## HOW DOES MINNESOTA STAND?

Minnesota counties need 100% of population served.

Minnesota counties—	29	28	6	0	24
Have	Below	26–	51–	76–	100%
	25%	50%	75%	99%	

Minnesota public libraries need a minimum tax income of \$1.50 per capita.

Minnesota libraries—	14	33	29	32	33	25
Have	Below	.26–	.51–	.76–	1.01–	Over
	\$ .25	.50	.75	1.00	1.50	1.50

<sup>1</sup>Because of low per capita expenditures (less than 10c) this figure is not included in Population Served.

<sup>2</sup>See table on county library service.

## PUBLIC LIBRARY STATISTICS, 1951

## SUMMARY

POPULATION DIVISIONS	Number of Li- braries	Population Served	BOOK COLLECTIONS		CIRCULATION		EXPENDITURES			
			Number of Volumes in Libraries	Volumes Per Capita	Number of Volumes Loaned	Circulation Per Capita	Books, Peri- odicals, Binding	Per Capita Expend- itures Books, Peri- odicals, Binding	Total Operating Expenses	Expend- itures Per Capita
Public Libraries:										
Serving over 50,000 population	3	937,578	1,546,566	1.64	4,147,633	4.4	232,760	.25	1,854,013	1.98
Serving 10,000-50,000 population	16	270,740	546,956	2.02	1,539,666	5.6	75,038	.28	362,480	1.34
Serving 5,000-10,000 population	24	169,658	388,649	2.29	973,027	5.7	49,642	.29	240,655	1.42
Serving 2,500-5,000 population	31	106,050	241,410	2.27	490,128	4.6	23,082	.22	94,404	1.89
Serving 1,000-2,500 population	60	97,992	301,497	3.07	454,324	4.6	25,061	.26	105,566	1.08
Serving less than 1,000 pop'n	24	18,127	84,451	4.65	115,518	6.3	6,276	.35	21,010	1.16
Giving county service	24	564,559	288,110	.....	1,273,382	.....	63,395	.....	289,582	.....
Association Libraries	40	39,734	59,151	.....	69,510	.....	.....	.....	6,497	.....
State Institution Libraries	20	.....	72,845	.....	412,841	.....	9,248	.....	56,539	.....
On the basis of population served	.....	2,204,438	3,529,635	1.60	9,476,029	4.2	484,502	.22	3,030,746	1.37
On the basis of total population	.....	2,982,483 <sup>2</sup>	3,529,635	1.18	9,476,029	3.1	484,502	.16	3,030,746	1.02

## Number of Libraries

Public libraries maintained by tax support or public funds	158
Libraries organized as separate county units	8 <sup>1</sup>
Public libraries maintained by Associations	40
State Institution libraries	20
<b>Total</b>	<b>226</b>

## With Public Library Service

Population of Minnesota (87 counties)	2,982,483 <sup>3</sup>
Population served by public libraries	1,600,145
Population served through county service	564,559
Population served by Association libraries	39,734
<b>Total population served (74%)</b>	<b>2,204,438</b>

## Without Public Library Service

Urban	12,030
Rural	766,015
<b>Total population not served (26%)</b>	<b>778,045</b>

<sup>1</sup>Eight organized as county libraries. In addition 16 public libraries give county service.<sup>2</sup>Included previously in separate tables for towns and cities.<sup>3</sup>Figure represents total population—not population with library service.

## CONTRACT SERVICE TO RURAL SCHOOLS

School Year 1950-1951

COUNTY	CONTRACTING AGENCY	Number of Schools	Number of Pupils	Book Stock	INCOME			EXPENDITURES		
					School		Other Sources	Books	Supplies	Other
					Books	Supplies				
Becker.....	Detroit Lakes Pub. Lib. . .	85	1,622	12,841	\$1,622.00	\$270.00	\$673.70	\$850.14	\$103.30	\$550.00
Beltrami.....	Bemidji Public Library . . .	31 <sup>1</sup>	1,080	3,603	599.50			536.45		
Big Stone.....	County Superintendent. . .	27	447	3,092	432.00		5.46	416.17		.20
Blue Earth.....	Blue Earth County Lib. . .	51 <sup>2</sup>	1,151	5,662	1,151.00	124.00		1,151.00	124.00	
Clay.....	Moorhead Public Library. . .	38	721	6,712	668.00	88.00		669.60	86.40	
Dakota.....	South St. Paul Pub. Lib. . .	2	43		43.00	4.00		43.00	4.00	
Freeborn.....	Albert Lea Public Library. .	74	1,500	6,940	1,500.00	222.00	20.19	2,958.57	233.10	45.00
Goodhue.....	Red Wing Public Library. .	29	488	1,777	463.00	58.00		489.80	31.20	
Grant.....	Elbow Lake Library . . .									
Hubbard.....	County Superintendent. . .	24	567	3,815	280.00	28.00		205.73	12.90	
Koochiching.....	International Falls P. L. . .	10	1,250	3,172	1,114.69		985.31	1,114.69		985.31
Lac qui Parle.....	Madison Public Library . .	17	214		180.00	34.00		160.00	17.44	16.56
Lake of the Woods.....	County Superintendent. . .	8	158	2,260	189.45	54.50		189.45	54.50	
Lyon.....	Marshall-Lyon Co. Lib. . .	21	317	10,020	379.00			379.00		
Martin.....	Martin County Library . . .	50	721	9,306	685.00	250.00		685.00	250.00	
Mower.....	Austin Public Library . . .	74 <sup>3</sup>	1,206	4,005	904.25	301.50		904.25	301.50	
Nobles.....	Nobles County Library. . .	40	639	863	643.00			516.00		
Pennington.....	Thief River Falls P. L. . .	27	413	4,514	405.00			273.05		
Polk.....	County Superintendent. . .	73	1,168	4,245	1,187.00			237.05	88.93	753.00
Ramsey.....	Ramsey County Library . . .	24	3,715	24,825	3,134.30	190.00		3,134.30	190.00	
Red Lake.....	County Superintendent. . .	10	153	2,617	198.53		10.00	198.53	9.64	
Redwood.....	Redwood Falls Pub. Lib. . .	47	910	3,200	983.00	280.00	300.00	1,001.31	61.19	453.25
Rice.....	Faribault Public Library . .	27	437	2,472	437.00	56.00		437.00	56.00	
Roseau.....	County Superintendent. . .	24	1,080	7,630	1,002.79			585.00	27.78	390.01
Sherburne.....	St. Cloud Public Library . .	6	119	613	119.00	12.00	10.20	127.85	12.00	
Stearns.....	Stearns County Library . .	110	2,428	9,808	2,428.00			2,428.00		
Steele.....	Owatonna Public Library. .	46	767	2,061	912.11	90.00		1,066.29	50.84	
Waseca.....	Waseca County Library . . .	45	596	2,938	596.00	90.00	16.00	312.00	90.00	
Washington.....	Washington Co. Lib. . .	29	1,419	6,807	1,111.40	102.00		1,111.40	102.00	
Watonwan.....	Watonwan County Library .	36	664	2,632	667.00	70.00		498.01	70.00	168.99

<sup>1</sup>Includes 2 schools in Hubbard County<sup>2</sup>Includes 3 schools in Nicollet County.<sup>3</sup>Includes 15 schools in Freeborn County.

## Award Winners

Announcement of the Newbery-Caldecott Awards was made on Friday, March 7, from the office of Mr. Frederic Melcher, donor of the medals. The medals were presented by the Children's Librarians' Section of the American Library Association.

Eleanor Estes received the Newbery Award honoring her as author and illustrator of *Ginger Pye*, selected as the most distinguished title written for children by an American author in 1951.

The Caldecott medal, awarded annually for the most distinguished picture book of the year, went to Nicholas Mordvinoff, American illustrator of *Finders Keepers*, written by William Lipkind. This is young Mr. Mordvinoff's second picture book of distinction. Both books are published by Harcourt.

## SALMAGUNDI

### American Heritage Project

The American Library Association has established the American Heritage Project with Mrs. Grace Thomas Stevenson as Director. Six demonstration areas have been established for the purpose of giving area leadership training to promote the vast adult education program which is possible through the \$50,000 grant from the Ford Foundation. Centers for demonstrations are the New York Public Library; Vermont Free Library Commission; Denver Public Library; LaCrosse, Wisconsin, Public Library; Athens, Georgia, Regional Library; and the Los Angeles County Public Library. It is intended that the project be continuous beyond 1952, but the period of its duration will depend upon local conditions and the extent of interest. All librarians are asked to consider the sponsorship of the program for a discussion group on the American Heritage, wherever a nucleus of fifteen or twenty persons evidence enough enthusiasm to insure the completion of any of the several outlines for study.

Since the training areas cannot touch each library directly, Mrs. Stevenson and her staff have prepared aids for the librarians who wish to undertake the promotion of a study group. These aids include a leader's manual, forms for group registration and reports, book lists, study guides and films. Basic books for the study include *Living Ideas in America*, by Henry S. Commager (Harper, 1951, \$6) and *This American People*, by Gerald W. Johnson (Harper, 1951, \$2.75).

All the supplies necessary for the leadership of a group are provided free from the American Heritage Project Office, 20 East Huron St., Chicago 11, Illinois.

There is still time to plan a discussion program for your library before summer, so send in for your supplies.

### Midwest Center Active

The Midwest Inter-Library Center is now in full operation. On December 7 the first books of the Center's rapidly growing collection were moved into the newly completed fourth tier of its bookstacks.

On the same day the first request for a book was received. The University of Min-

nesota, a member institution, requested a Leipzig University dissertation published in 1932. Within an hour it had been found and air-mailed to Minnesota.

A few days later 8500 catalog cards were mailed to the fifteen participating institutions along with generalized descriptions of the Center's collections of newspapers, dissertations, college catalogs, and textbooks. The descriptions and catalog cards give the member institutions full information on material available in the Midwest Inter-Library Center.

### Children's Book List

Mrs. Lennart Erickson, Reading and Library Service Chairman of the Minnesota Congress of Parents and Teachers, is to be congratulated on the fine attention-arresting book list which she compiled recently. Titled *Through Magic Casements*, the list was assembled with the help of Della McGregor, Director of the Children's Department of the St. Paul Public Library, and Mary C. Baker, Stearns County Librarian and former President of the Minnesota Library Association.

Mrs. Erickson, a resident of Litchfield, Minnesota, is a graduate of the University of Minnesota Division of Library Instruction. Before her marriage she was Children's Librarian in Duluth and Minneapolis. Her list received national publicity through the *Wilson Library Bulletin* and the book page of the *New York Herald Tribune*. In fact, requests for copies came in from thirty-two states. As a result of this recognition the Executive Board of the Parent-Teacher Association sent Mrs. Erickson to the Midwinter meeting of the American Library Association in Chicago.

### Library Awards

Minnesota has a good chance to achieve more national attention than ever if librarians will just "sit down and write a letter" to the A.L.A. Committee on Awards. The committee wants letters of nomination of not more than 150 words, giving supporting evidence on the nominee for the Joseph W. Lippincott Award or for the Letter Awards.

The Joseph W. Lippincott Award of \$500 will be given "for distinguished service in



the profession of librarianship, such service to include outstanding participation in the activities of professional library associations; notable published professional writing; or other significant activity on behalf of the profession and its aims."

The Letter Awards are for \$100 each, and are given "to a librarian who, in line of duty, contributes most to emphasize the human qualities of service in librarianship"; and "to a library for distinguished contribution to the development of enlightened public opinion on an issue of current or continuing importance."

Send your letters to A.L.A. Committee on Awards, Harriet I. Carter, Chairman, Extension Division, Indiana State Library, 140 N. Senate Avenue, Indianapolis 4, Indiana. You have only until April 15, 1952.

### The Catholic Booklist

Sister Stella Maris, O.P., has announced the publication of *The Catholic Booklist* for 1952. This annotated bibliography is intended as a guide to the recreational and instructional reading of Catholics. It may be obtained for 75c from Saint Catharine Junior College, Saint Catharine, Kentucky.

### Record Collection

Because of increasing interest in recorded music, a number of Minnesota libraries have established or are adding record collections to serve their patrons. The Missouri State Library has issued a manual on starting a record collection in a library. Prepared by William J. Quinly, Assistant State Librarian, Missouri State Library, and Elizabeth J. Farrell, Browsing Room Librarian, Grand Rapids, Michigan, Public Library, the booklet is titled, *On Record*. It discusses musical and non-musical recordings, purchase aids, cataloging and classification methods, and circulation routines. It includes a list of subject headings, and a bibliography. The manual may be obtained from the Missouri State Library, Jefferson City, Missouri, for \$1.00.

### Carnival of Books

This NBC radio program with Mrs. Ruth Harshaw as moderator is now coming over KSTP Sundays at 8:30 A.M. The authors of the following books will appear in person, with narrator Jack Lester presenting an excerpt from the title listed. The authors

appear on the program as a result of votes of thousands of children all over the country. Photographs and biographical sketches of many of the authors appear in the new edition of Kunitz' *Junior Book of Authors*, Wilson, 1951, \$3.50.

- Mar. 2 *Radio Imp*, Binns
- Mar. 9 *The Bounces of Cythiann*, Evelyn Lampman
- Mar. 16 *Minn of the Mississippi*, Holling C. Holling
- Mar. 23 *The Lucky Year*, Dorothy Aldis
- Mar. 30 *Crown Fire*, Eloise McGraw
- Apr. 6 *Cowboy Joe of Circle F*, Helen Rushmore
- Apr. 13 *The Red Planet and Between Planets*, Robert Heinlein
- Apr. 20 *Lost Kingdom*, Chester Bryant
- Apr. 27 *Daniel in the Cub Scout Den*, Jullilly Kohler

### Personal

Two new head librarians have been appointed to libraries in Northfield. George H. Gardner is the librarian for the Northfield Public Library. A World War II veteran, Mr. Gardner was elected librarian after completing his studies at the Division of Library Instruction at the University of Minnesota. The vacancy in the position was caused by the death of Miss Anna Nystuen.

President Laurence M. Gould of Carleton College announces the appointment of James H. Richards, Jr., to the post of head librarian at Carleton upon the resignation of Mrs. David Bryn-Jones. Mr. Richards received his bachelor's degree with distinction in history from Wesleyan University, Middleton, Conn., in 1940, and his master's degree in American history from Wesleyan in 1941. From 1941 to 1946 he served with the U. S. army in the European theater with the rank of captain. He was awarded the Bronze Star medal twice, the Purple Heart, and the Army Commendation medal.

In 1947 Mr. Richards received a bachelor's degree from the School of Library Service at Columbia University. His library experience includes assistantships in the libraries at Wesleyan, Columbia, and New York Public. He was Librarian at Earlham College, Richmond, Ind. He leaves his present position as Assistant Librarian at George Washington University, Washington, D. C., to take up his duties at Carleton.

Ransom L. Richardson, Chief Librarian of the Curtis Memorial Library, Meriden, Conn., since 1943, has resigned to accept the position of editor of the *A.L.A. Bulletin*. Mr. Richardson started his professional work at the Hartford Public Library. After time out for military service, 1943-45, he joined the staff of the Curtis Memorial Library where he has been ever since. He holds an A.B. degree from Houghton College, Houghton, N. Y., and a B.S. in L.S. degree from Syracuse University.

Ruth Hall has retired as head of the Technical Department of the Minneapolis Public Library. She started her career as an assistant in technology in 1920, in 1946 she became supervising assistant, and then headed the department in 1951. During her period of service the staff of the department grew from three people and a few books on the shelves to twelve staff members and a book collection of 80,000 volumes.

With Eleanor Lovell, a former library colleague, Miss Hall compiled the *Index to Handicrafts, Modelmaking and Workshop Projects*, a standard reference work in the United States and England.

A former Minneapolis librarian, Carl Vitz, popped into the news on the pages of the *Cincinnati Enquirer* recently when he protested that a pay raise offered to him was "too much." He asked that the board reduce the \$974 annual salary boost to \$130 "cost of living" increase, because he felt that the raise offered to him was out of line with the increase which other staff members would receive.

Dr. E. B. Stanford, Acting University Librarian, has announced that Vera Makivirta, a member of the Reference Department of the University of Minnesota Library for nearly 15 years, has been appointed librarian of the Biological-Medical Library. At the same time James Kingsley, former librarian of that departmental library, has been designated head of the Acquisitions Department.

The appointment of S. Janice Kee of Madison, Wisconsin, to the position of Executive Secretary, Public Libraries Division, A.L.A., has been announced by Harold F. Brigham, president of the Division. Miss Kee assumes her new duties February 1.

According to President Brigham, more than fifty names were considered in the

search for a well-qualified person to fill this important office. Miss Kee brings to the position broad professional and administrative experience, as well as a wide knowledge of public library organization. Having worked her way through college by teaching school, Miss Kee garnered experience as both high school and county librarian in Texas, Army Post Librarian at Independence, Kansas, and as Army Command Library Supervisor, Randolph Field, Texas.

The Missouri State Library next claimed her as Extension Librarian, Acting State Librarian and Assistant State Librarian. Here she helped to organize Missouri's vigorous library movement, 1947-1949, and later had charge of the state-wide, Carnegie-financed film demonstration.

Miss Kee has been an instructor in library science at the Universities of Missouri and Wisconsin, and has currently been teaching library science courses for the Wisconsin University Extension Division in cooperation with the Wisconsin Free Library Commission. She holds a master's degree in library science from Texas State College for Women, Denton.

Mrs. Nels Wangenstein, Assistant Librarian at the Bovey Public Library for the past six years, has been appointed Librarian to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mrs. Gracie.

Jerome P. Marturano has been appointed to the position of Head Librarian at Buhl, replacing Ethel Binney who resigned to accept a position in Virginia.

Mrs. Elaine Cullen has been appointed Assistant Librarian of the South St. Paul Public Library. She has a library degree from the University of Minnesota Division of Library Instruction, and has had four years of experience as an assistant at the Minnesota Historical Society library.

Amy Hanscom, Librarian of the Willmar Public Library, has started her forty-third year of service to the community. She has never missed a day because of illness since she started back in 1909.

Marion Hatfield has resigned as head of the Kandiyohi County Library. She left her position to be married.

### Current Events

The St. Cloud Public Library has announced the establishment of the "Mad Hatters." According to a library announce-

ment, a "Mad Hatter" is a person who has completed the reading of at least 50 classics from the public library's list of *Great Books for Children*. A great deal of interest is being created by this new method of stimulating the reading of great juvenile books.

The public library boards at Bovey and Coleraine have jointly entered into a contract with the Board of County Commissioners for Itasca County to furnish county library service on an extension basis. The Grand Rapids Public Library formerly furnished this service, but the two new contracting libraries will divide only 76 per cent of the fund formerly provided to Grand Rapids. The other 24 per cent of the fund will be scattered among other village library boards in the county.

Isadora Veigel, Mankato Librarian, blames it on inflation. Recently her library increased the rate for book fines from one cent to two cents a day.

The Eveleth Public Library has also increased its fine rate to two cents because of rising costs.

Stearns County Library has announced that it has re-opened its station in Albany. The Herzog Gamble Store is the new location for the circulating library.

The New Ulm Public Library and Museum recently observed fifteen years of service. Part of the observance took the form of a display of Wanda Gag's lithographs and wood and linoleum cuts.

### Gifts

Ethel Dunn, Librarian of the Carnegie-Tryon Public Library of Lake City, reports that the local chapter of the Veterans of Foreign Wars has started a project for presenting the library with books as living memorials to all persons who have served in the Armed Forces of the United States in time of war.

Pearl Lundquist of the Roseau Public Library has listed a steady flow of gifts to her library. These have taken the form of art books, recreational reading material, an old German cook book, and a substantial donation.

The J. Frank Shay memorial fund has been established to honor a former board member of the Fergus Falls Public Library. The fund, which is being raised by friends of Mr. Shay, will be used for the purchase

of special books for the use of the library's patrons.

The Jaycees of the City of Winona have presented a ceiling projector to the Winona Free Public Library. The library will make it available to bedridden persons. It enables persons, unable to sit up in bed, to enjoy books and pictures.

The Northfield Public Library has received a generous fund from Martha Watts, a former member of the library board. The money will be used to strengthen the library's book collection.

### Buildings

The Winnebago Public Library has moved from an old building owned by the Presbyterian Church to a pleasant and attractive library room in the City Hall. The room has been completely redecorated in green and yellow with a cherry background for the book shelves. Fluorescent lighting, asphalt tile, colorful drapes, and furniture have been added. The new quarters will house a 4000-book collection.

The village of Hibbing recently obtained a ruling of the State Attorney General which will expedite its proposed new library building project. The \$550,000 building project has been at a standstill for some time because there was only \$370,000 in the building fund. Under the Attorney General's opinion the village will be permitted to sell the old library site and thus make up the difference needed in the building fund.

The Kasson Public Library has been moved to completely reconditioned quarters in the municipal building. The new room is twice the size of the library's former quarters and has been freshly painted. It has been provided with new light fixtures, bright linoleum, and revarnished desks and bookcases.

The installation of new fluorescent light fixtures has been completed at the Anoka Public Library. Additional indirect lighting has been placed in the dome over the charging desk.

The Director and several members of the Library Division staff attended special dedication ceremonies in connection with the opening of the Rice St. Branch of the St. Paul Public Library on March 1. The new branch library is a cheery, attractive one-story building 51 feet wide and 86 feet long

with a yellow and green interior, gray tile floors, and red linoleum-topped tables and chairs.

Members of the North End Improvement Club, Commissioner Frank D. Marzitelli, Perrie Jones, and other city dignitaries participated in the program.

Mrs. Ralph Stevens, Librarian of Marshall-Lyon County Library, reports that the library has been reopened. It was closed temporarily while the walls of the reading room were redecorated and while new asphalt tiling was laid in the main library.

The South St. Paul Public Library Board plans to convert the basement room into a children's library. It has authorized the first step; i.e., the installation of book shelves in the community room.

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### Children's Books Festival

Plans for a one-day Festival of Books for Children and Young People are being completed. According to the present schedule it will be held on Monday, May 12 in the Auditorium of the St. Paul Women's City Club. The following speakers for the Festival have accepted: Mrs. Ruth Harshaw, Director of the NBC Carnival of Books radio program; Mrs. Erick Berry Best, author and illustrator of several children's books; and James Daugherty, author of *Courage Undaunted*. The financial basis for the Festival will determine whether more than two speakers can be included in the program.

Auditorium limitations at the Women's City Club make it imperative that attendance be kept at 125.

Requests for reservations for the Festival should be accompanied by the registration fee of \$3.00 and mailed to Mrs. Ruth Palmer, Librarian, Ramsey County Library, St. Paul Auditorium, 143 W. 4th St., St. Paul 2, Minnesota.

Out-of-town members are urged to write St. Paul hotels for reservations direct and early in order to obtain rooms at minimum rates. Hotels within a radius of three blocks



of the St. Paul Public Library and Women's City Club include: Lowry, St. Paul Hotel, and Y.W.C.A.

The only other item of expense besides the registration fee and hotel expenses will be \$2.00 for the dinner meeting.

For further information about the program, write Della McGregor, Chairman Children's, School's, and Young People's Section, Minnesota Library Association, care of St. Paul Public Library, St. Paul 2.

### Gull Lake Conference

The annual Minnesota Library Association conference has been set for September 12-14 at Madden's Lodge on Gull Lake, near Brainerd. Chairmen are planning workshops for the Children's, Small Public Libraries', Trustees', and College sections. Others may be announced later. Mrs. Josephine Smith is serving as Convention Chairman, Emily L. Mayne as Program Chairman.

### State Film Council

The 2nd Annual State-wide Film Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 26 at 6:30 P.M. in the Center for Continuation Study, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis. The dinner meeting will be followed by a program featuring a nationally-known speaker and two premier showings of films. One of these will be the World Premier of the fine educational film *Homespun*, a beautiful color film fostered by the Twin City Film Council. It will be followed by a State Premier showing of the Encyclopedia Britannica film *Working Together*.

The meeting is open to all members of the Film Council, Film Information Centers and persons interested in films. Librarians are cordially invited.

The cost of the dinner is \$1.50. Reservations should be made with Tom Hope, c/o General Mills, 400 2nd Ave. South, Minneapolis (At. 1144).

### Minnesota Check List

The Minnesota Historical Society Library has ready a *Check List of Minnesota Public Documents, 1941-50*, which it proposes to publish as a supplement to its quarterly *Check List*, discontinued in 1941. The Historical Society Library is the official depository of Minnesota state documents, and this list is the most complete one available. The *Check List* is an invaluable reference tool for determining what official Minnesota publications have been issued by departments, institutions, committees, commissions, and other agencies of the state government. Each library should have a copy for use not only as an important reference book, but also as a guide for obtaining free and inexpensive material for its collection. In order to determine the size of the edition, the Historical Society Library is accepting advance orders for the *Check List*. The price will be \$2.25, subject to change if necessary. Please send your orders to Dan M. King, Librarian, Minnesota Historical Society Library, St. Paul 1, Minnesota.

# Salary Schedule of Chisholm Public Library

## Professional

Years of Experience	2 Year Diploma Plus 6 Credits in Library Science	2 Year Diploma Plus 15 Credits in Library Science	3 Years College Plus 25 Credits in Library Science	Bachelors	Masters
0	\$2200	\$2400	\$2600	\$2880	\$3120
1	2300	2500	2700	3000	3240
2	2400	2600	2800	3120	3360
3	2500	2700	2900	3240	3480
4	2600	2800	3000	3360	3600
5	.....	2900	3100	3480	3720
6	.....	3000	3200	3600	3840
7	.....	.....	3300	3720	3960
8	.....	.....	3400	3840	4080
9	.....	.....	3450	3960	4200
10	.....	.....	3500	4080	4320
11	.....	.....	.....	4200	4440
12	.....	.....	.....	4320	4560
13	.....	.....	.....	4440	4680
14	.....	.....	.....	.....	4700

## Clerical

### Non-Professional Grade

Grade	Salary
0.....	\$1740
1.....	1800
2.....	1860
3.....	1920
4.....	1980
5.....	2040

### Secretary, Stenographer, and Bookkeeper (Business College Required):

Years of Experience	Salary
0.....	\$2000
1.....	2060
2.....	2120
3.....	2180
4.....	2240
5.....	2300
6.....	2400
7.....	2500

### Janitor:

Grade	Salary
0.....	\$2000
1.....	2060
2.....	2120
3.....	2180
4.....	2240
5.....	2300

That the Board adopt a schedule of additional compensation for the Head Librarian who assumes additional responsibilities in excess of the regular assignment.

The Library Board reserves the jurisdiction to indicate the starting scale for all incoming employees.

Each full time member of the library staff will work a 40 hour week schedule unless the schedule demands a 42 hour week and the librarian recommends a 42 hour week.

The first six months of service constitutes a probationary period.

Part-time help will be paid on a 75c an hour basis.

# BOOKS AND PAMPHLETS

## Adult Books of 1951

Compiled by the Staff of the Library Division

*A selection of books for the small public library. Low budget libraries are urged to borrow expensive books from the State Library Division for examination before purchase. Librarians should check issues of THE BOOKLIST (American Library Association, subscription \$5.00 per year) when selecting books for purchase.*

### Non-Fiction<sup>1</sup>

- American academy of political and social science. *Civil rights in America*. (Annals, v. 275. May, 1951.) The Academy. 2.00. Collection of articles on the various rights of citizens, and on their protection by law.
- Ashley-Montague, M. F. *Statement on race; an extended discussion in plain language of the UNESCO statement by experts on race problems*. Schuman. 2.00.
- Augur, Helen. *Tall ships to Cathay*. Doubleday. 3.00. An account of a trading family of Salem, Massachusetts, and their establishment of a company in China during the glamorous days of the clipper ships.
- Aul, Henry. *How to build garden structures; grills, terraces, shelters, arbors, fences, gates, etc.* Sheridan. 3.50.
- Austin, Mary. *The land of little rain; photos by Ansel Adams*. Houghton. 4.00. New edition of a book first published in 1903. Mary Austin's descriptive prose and Ansel Adams' beautiful photographs make an enticing picture of California's deserts and mountains.
- Barth, Alan. *Loyalty of free men*. Viking. 3.00. Pocket books. .35. "Examination of the methods and dangers in anti-communism probes." Booklist.
- Berke, Jacqueline, and Wilson, Vivian. *Watch out for the weather*. Viking. 2.95. Interesting account of the effects of climate and weather on man.
- Better Homes and Gardens. *Garden book; a year-round guide to practical home gardening*. Loose-leaf. Meredith. 3.95.
- Bradley, Omar N. *A soldier's story*. Holt. 5.00. A great general writes a clear, interesting, plain-talking book about the Allies' European campaigns in World War II and the personalities involved in them.
- Brown, Margery. *Over a bamboo fence; an American looks at Japan*. Morrow. 3.50. Her sincere interest in her neighbors during a twenty-one months' stay in Japan helped the author to learn many things about the Japanese people, and these she presents wittily and intelligently to her readers.
- Buliard, Roger. *Inuk*. Farrar. 3.50. Sympathetic account of Eskimo life in the Arctic, by a priest who has spent fifteen years as a missionary there.
- Burman, Ben Lucien. *Children of Noah; glimpses of unknown America*. Messner. 3.50. A mixture of yarns, ballads, personal experiences, and descriptions of people and places on the Mississippi.
- Burr, Pamela. *My Turkish adventure*. Norton. 3.00. An American teacher describes her experiences during a year (1945) spent teaching English in Istanbul, where she learned much about Turkish life and customs and the attitudes of many different Turkish people.
- Burton, Jack. *The blue book of Tin Pan Alley; a human interest anthology of American popular music*. Century. 7.50. Sketches of the lives of popular modern American composers, with lists of their works.
- Carhart, A. H. *Water—or your life; foreword by Jay N. Darling*. Lippincott. 3.50. The importance of water in American life, domestic, industrial, and recreational; where it comes from; why there are water shortages and what to do about them.
- Carson, Rachel. *The sea around us*. Oxford. 3.50. Fascinating account of the sea, its formation, and its part in human life.
- Corey, Marion. *McCall's complete book of dressmaking*. Greystone. 3.95.

<sup>1</sup>Check the list of A.L.A. Notable Books of 1951, published by Sturgis Printing Co., Inc., Sturgis, Michigan.

- Costain, Thomas. *Magnificent century*. Doubleday. 4.50. Colorful history of 13th century England, a time when democratic principles were being established.
- Donahue, W. T., and Tibbetts, Clark, eds. *Planning the older years*. Univ. of Mich. Press. 2.50. A collection of articles by twelve writers on the subject of aging and how to plan for it and cope with it.
- Douglas, W. O. *Strange lands and friendly people*. Harper. 4.00. Supreme Court Justice Douglas has written an intelligent and friendly report of his trips in 1949 and 1950 through the crucial areas: Israel, India, Persia, and the Arab and Moslem states.
- Feinberg, S. M. *Allergy; facts and fancies*. Harper. 2.50. "He recounts, simply and clearly, some of the interesting history of medical advances in the allergy field, and tells of the newest treatments . . ." San Francisco Chronicle.
- Fenichell, Stephen, and Andrews, Philip. *United Nations, blueprint for peace*. Winston. 2.00. "A brief study of the history, purpose, organization, and activities of the United Nations. Illustrated. Index." Bk. rev. dig.
- Gilbreth, F. B. *I'm a lucky guy*. Crowell. 3.00. Amusing autobiography by the son of Frank and Lillian Gilbreth. Covers his years at college and in the Navy, his marriage, and his work as a newspaper man, ending with 1947.
- Gillies, Mary, ed. *McCall's book of modern houses*. Simon. 5.00. Exterior and interior views and floor plans of twenty-nine modern houses for lower and middle incomes.
- Graham, Mrs. Elinor. *My window looks down East*. Macmillan. 3.00. Mrs. Graham writes of her neighbors in a country community in Maine and of her own satisfying life there.
- Gray, James. *University of Minnesota, 1851-1951*. Univ. of Minn. press. 3.75. An unexpectedly fascinating study of the personalities and ideas that have contributed toward the University's growth during its first hundred years.
- Harman, Jeanne. *The Love Junk*. Appleton. 3.00. Diverting story of life on a house boat in the Virgin Islands.
- Henderson, J. Y., and Taplinger, Richard. *Circus doctor*. Little. 3.50. All about circus animals, by the chief veterinarian of Ringling Brothers-Barnum and Bailey circus.
- Jacques, Florence. *As far as the Yukon; illus. by Francis Lee Jaques*. Harper. 4.00. Account of a trip from California to Alaska and up the Yukon, by the authors of *Canoe Country*, *Snowshoe country*, etc.
- Johnson, G. W. *This American people*. Harper. 2.75. "A popularly written treatise on the meaning of democracy as the fundamental philosophy of the 'true' American." Bk. rev. dig.
- Jones, S. V. *How to get it from the government*. Dutton. 1.50. An essential guide to the benefits and services offered by the Federal government to the citizen. Includes social security, vocational rehabilitation, public health, children's services, civil service, loans, public lands, information, and others.
- Kefauver, Estes. *Crime in America*. Doubleday. 3.50. The Tennessee senator's personal records of the investigations made by the Senate's Special Committee to Investigate Crime, of which Kefauver was chairman.
- Keith, Agnes. *White man returns*. Little. 4.00. Mrs. Keith's third book about her family and their life in British North Borneo describes the reconstruction years after 1946, during which Mr. Keith acted as civil administrator for the British crown.
- Kelsey, Vera. *The Red River runs north*. Harper. 3.75. Popular history of the Red River of the North and its valley.
- Kugelmass, J. A. *Louis Braille; windows for the blind*. Messner. 2.75. "The first complete story of the life of Louis Braille, the blind French inventor and organist, who originated the Braille system for the blind." Bk. rev. dig.
- Ley, Willy. *Dragons in amber*. Viking. 3.75. Mr. Ley satisfies his curiosity and that of his readers in a rambling study of several extinct, rare, adventive, or unusual animals and plants. The title chapter is a detailed account of the origin and history of amber.
- Marek, Kurt W. (C. W. Ceram, pseud.). *Gods, graves, and scholars; the story of archaeology; trans. from the German by E. B. Garside*. Knopf. 5.75. Popular

- account of the archeological discoveries of Pompeii, Crete, Troy, Egypt, Assyria, Yucatan, and others.
- Marshall, Catherine. *A man called Peter; the story of Peter Marshall*. McGraw. 3.50. Biography of the popular minister, for many years Chaplain of the U. S. Senate, who was the author of *Mr. Jones, meet the Master*.
- Marshall, Mrs. Lucille. *Photography for teen-agers*. Prentice. 2.95. A guide for beginning camera fans, giving a brief account of the science of photography and simple directions for taking and developing pictures.
- Michener, James. *The voice of Asia*. Random. 3.50. Mr. Michener traveled through Asia, interviewing people of all levels. His report of the interviews and his conclusions form a vivid picture of Asia today.
- Mizener, A. M. *The far side of paradise; a biography of F. Scott Fitzgerald*. Houghton. 4.00. A full biography, with some critical treatment of Fitzgerald's work and a good picture of the twenties. Rather frank treatment of Fitzgerald's drinking and his wife's insanity.
- Montgomery, J. C., and Suydam, M. J. *America's baby book; prepared under the auspices of the N. Y. Herald Tribune Home Institute*. Scribner. 3.50. Practical, common-sense manual on the care of babies and small children.
- Moody, Ralph. *Man of the family*. Norton. 3.00. Sequel to the appealing *Little Britches*, tells of the life of the little family after the death of the father.
- Nelson, J. R. *Lady unafraid*. Caxton. 5.00. A refreshing, somewhat quaint account of young Rebecca Jewel's year as a missionary teacher in the Ojibway village on Lake Superior in 1862. Told by her son.
- Papashvily, George, and Papashvily, Helen. *Thanks to Noah*. Harper. 2.50. The authors of *Anything can happen* write, in the same colorful style, an account of their many pets.
- Plumb, Beatrice. *Wedding anniversary celebrations*. Denison. 2.75. Parties, decorations, entertainment, toasts, skits, etc.
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- Tilden, Freeman. *National parks; what they mean to you and me*. Knopf. 5.00. A discussion of our national park policies and the philosophy behind them, together with descriptions of the individual parks and natural monuments. Illustrated with photographs. Index.
- Tregaskis, Richard. *Seven leagues to paradise*. Doubleday. 3.75. The author describes his round-the-world search for an "earthly paradise," during which he visited the East Indies, Australia, Africa, Asia, Europe, and the United States. Pleasant and informative.
- Van Der Post, Laurens. *Venture to the interior*. Morrow. 3.00. A book of travel and adventure in Central Africa portraying the beauty and grandeur of the interior. Engrossing descriptions of a seventy-two-hour flight from England to Nyasaland, and of two expeditions, including the discovery of a vast tableland.
- Venk, Frazee. *Automotive engines; maintenance and repair*. Amer. Tech. Soc. 4.50. Teaches the reader to "dope-out" any trouble that arises in the automobile engine.
- Wofford, Clare, and Wofford, Harris. *India afire*. Day. 4.00. Impressions of two Americans who spent six months in India in 1949.
- Woodham-Smith, Mrs. C. B. *Florence Nightingale, 1820-1910*. McGraw. 4.50. A new biography, based on six years of study, traces the full course of her life.

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- Asch, Shalom. *Moses*. Putnam. 3.75. An imposing epic novel about Moses and the Exodus.



- Atkinson, Oriana. *Twin cousins*. Bobbs. 3.00. A fresh, romantic story of some young people in Catskill, New York, after the Revolution.
- Babson, Naomi. *I am Lidian*. Harcourt. 3.00. A ninety-year-old matriarch recalls her girlhood in Massachusetts in the 1840's, the hardships of pioneer life, and her final settling in Montana with her second husband. A vivid portrait of a woman and a period.
- Capote, Truman. *Grass harp*. Random. 2.75. A "modern folk tale" of what happens when a meek little spinster rebels against her dominating sister.
- Frazee, Steve. *Shining mountains*. Rinehart. 3.00. Adventure story about a gold-rush in Colorado shortly after the Civil War.
- Giles, H. E. *Harbin's Ridge*. Houghton. 2.75. Poetic narrative of two friends in the Kentucky hills and of the treachery of one, which caused their parting.
- Giles, Janice. *Miss Willie*. Westminster. 3.00. Sequel to *The enduring hills* (1950). Miss Willie, the new teacher who comes to Piney Ridge, Kentucky, finds it difficult to reform the people, who are used to their own ways. A wholesome story, with humor and sentiment.
- Godden, Rumer. *A breath of air*. Viking. 3.00. A South Sea island idyl, in plot somewhat reminiscent of Shakespeare's *Tempest*. Written with the author's characteristic beauty of style.
- Hammond-Innes, Ralph. *The angry mountain*. Harper. 2.75. Adventure-spy story, set in Italy and climaxed by an eruption of Mount Vesuvius.
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- Irwin, Laetitia. *The golden hammock*. Little. 3.00. A reminiscent novel about a Southern family and their leisurely way of life between 1899 and the first World War.
- Kennedy, Margaret. *Lucy Carmichael*. Rinehart. 3.00. A warmly witty novel, describing the rebuilding of Lucy's life after she was jilted on her wedding day.
- Kennelly, Ardyth. *The spur*. Messner. 3.00. During his last six days, John Wilkes Booth reviews his life and his reasons for killing President Lincoln.
- Kossak-Szczucka, Zofia. *The covenant; a novel of the life of Abraham, the prophet*. Roy. 3.50.
- L'Engle, Madeleine. *Camilla Dickinson*. Simon. 3.00. A sensitive adolescent girl is forced into maturity by the break in her parents' marriage.
- Macken, Walter. *Rain on the wind*. Macmillan. 3.00. A poetic novel about Irish fishermen and the sea. The story is of Mico, disfigured since birth, his family, his life as a fisherman, and his humble love.
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- Mason, Van Wyck. *Proud new flags*. Lipincott. 3.00. A novel about the Confederate Navy during the first two years of the Civil War, showing, through the characters whose lives are affected by it, the Navy's importance in the campaigns.
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- Newman, Daisy. *Diligence in love*. Doubleday. 2.75. The spiritual rebirth of a sophisticated woman through her acquaintance with a Rhode Island Quaker village and its people. A serene novel for those who are troubled and confused.
- Sharp, Margery. *Lise Lillywhite*. Little. 3.00. Diverting tale of a young girl brought up in France, who goes to live in England.
- Stone, Irving. *The president's lady, a novel about Rachel and Andrew Jackson*. Doubleday. 3.00. Biographical novel about the marriage that nearly wrecked Jackson's political career.
- Street, James. *The high calling*. Doubleday. 3.00. London Wingo returns to Missouri to become pastor of a small Baptist church in the suburbs of Linden. Sequel to *The gauntlet*.
- Walker, Mildred. *The Southwest corner*. Harcourt. 2.00. Simple and satisfying story about a Vermont woman of eighty-three and her solution of the problems of age and loneliness.

Walsh, Maurice. *Trouble in the glen*. Lip-pincott. 2.75. Pleasantly exciting romance set in a Scottish valley where there is a feud between the tinkers and the laird.

Waltari, Mika. *The wanderer*; trans. by Naomi Walford. Putnam. 3.75. Sequel to *The adventurer*, painting a glowing picture of Moslem empire in the sixteenth century.

Wellman, Paul. *The iron mistress*. Doubleday. 3.50. This novel is based on the life of the Indian fighter, James Bowie, and on early Texas history.

Wouk, Herman. *The Caine mutiny; a novel of World War II*. Doubleday. 3.95. "The most exciting sea story since *Mutiny on the Bounty*." L. J.

Wylie, I. A. R. *Candles for Therese*. Random. 3.00. A young man on a mission of vengeance in a French village, where his brother had been betrayed to the enemy during the war, finds that revenge is futile.

#### New Editions

Atwater, Mary. *Shuttle-craft book of American hand-weaving; an account of the rise, development, eclipse, and modern revival of a national popular art, together with information of interest and value to collectors, technical notes for the use of weavers and a large collection of historical patterns*. Rev. ed. Macmillan. 5.50.

Gunther, John. *Inside U.S.A.* Rev. ed. Harper. 3.00. Narrow margins make rebinding impossible.

Kunitz, S. J., and Haycraft, Howard. *The junior book of authors*. 2d ed. rev. Wilson. 3.50.

Sandburg, Carl. *New American songbag*. Associated Music Pub. Co. 2.50, pa. 1.50. Fifty American folk songs. About forty per cent are reproduced from the earlier collection published in 1927, so libraries owning the older edition will wish to examine before purchasing.

Zimmerman, E. W. *World resources and industries; a functional appraisal of the availability of agricultural and industrial material*. Rev. ed. Harper. 7.50.

### *High School Library Guide*

The American Library Association has just published *A Planning Guide for the High School Library Program* by Frances Henne, Ruth Ersted, and Alice Lohrer. Nine chapters cover the basic services and facilities essential to a good high school library program and provide devices for quantitative and qualitative evaluation. Summary tables give a profile of the findings and a planning guide sets up a development program with schedules for attaining the goals set. A self survey device to be used in connection with the evaluation of the entire school, of the library as a unit, or of specific library services. 160p. 8½ x 11. Planographed, \$2.

## *Library Activities*

### *District Meetings*

Sponsored by the Minnesota Library Association and the Library Division of the State Department of Education

May 8-23, 1952

May 8—Fergus Falls—Elsie Grina, chairman

May 9—Virginia—Mrs. Mona Burgher, local arrangements  
Ann Malnar, program

Joint meeting (afternoon and evening) with the Arrowhead Library Club and the Range Trustees Association

May 16—Austin—Mabel C. Olson, local arrangements  
Gyla Caulfield, program

May 21—Granite Falls—Mrs. B. E. Palmer, local arrangements  
Eugene McLane, program

May 23—Cambridge—Mrs. W. E. Ballenthin, local arrangements  
Mrs. Merle Lennartson, program

Tentative Program for District Meetings

*The Role of Your Library in Your Community*

9:30-10:00 A.M. Registration and coffee hour

10:00 Trustees meeting

10:00-12:00 M. Librarians meeting

*Stretching the Budget Book-Dollar*, which will include standard juvenile titles for every library

*Double Duty Books*, which will stress good adult titles suitable for a teen shelf

12:00- 2:00 P.M. Luncheon

2:00- 4:00 P.M. MLA Planning Committee report

Report of the activities and plans of the Public Relations Committee  
Any other MLA or local problems

Film—Minnesota Story—followed by a discussion of audio visual materials

### *Special Libraries Association Convention*

May 26-29, 1952

Hotel Statler, New York

Ruth M. Crawford, Convention Chairman

May 26

Division Meetings

May 27

Division Program

Visit to United Nations Building

May 28

Reception, New York Historical Society

May 29

Annual Business Meeting

Boat Ride around Manhattan Island

Buffet Supper Aboard

### *American Library Association Annual Convention*

New York, June 29-July 5, 1952

Headquarters—Waldorf-Astoria Hotel